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HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING
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By: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to
HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, Akira
TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and Yasushi WATANABE, inventors:

- (1) Specification (18 pages, including 7 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (8 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (10 sheets);
- (4) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);

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- (5) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with a certified copy of Japanese priority document no. 2000-383268 (29 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), and copies of five (5) references cited;
- (7) Request For Approval of Proposed Drawing Change Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (2 pages) with attached marked-up copy of Figs. 3a, 3b, and 3c (1 sheet); and
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